

Request for Approval of a Region

Each request that is made needs to be made in English to the Administrator of APHIS and should include the following information about the region:

1. The authority, organization, and infrastructure of the veterinary services organization in the region.
2. Disease status - i.e., is the restricted disease agent known to exist in the region? If “yes”, at what prevalence? If “no”, when was the most recent diagnosis?
3. The status of adjacent regions with respect to the agent.
4. The extent of an active disease control program, if any, if the agent is known to exist in the region.
5. The vaccination status of the region. When was the last vaccination? What is the extent of vaccination if it is currently used, and what vaccine is being used?
6. The degree to which the region is separated from regions of higher risk through physical or other barriers.
7. The extent to which movement of animals and animal products is controlled from regions of higher risk, and the level of biosecurity regarding such movements.
8. Livestock demographics and marketing practices in the region.
9. The type and extent of disease surveillance in the region - e.g., is it passive and/or active; what is the quantity and quality of sampling and testing?
10. Diagnostic laboratory capabilities.
11. Policies and infrastructure for animal disease control in the region - i.e., emergency response capacity.